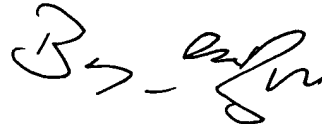


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 15, 2004, applicants elect Claims 1-42 and 44-45 without traverse. Election is without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue patent protection for the non-elected claim in a subsequent patent application. Non-elected Claim 43 has been canceled from the present application.

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